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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

**A workshop will be held
to receive comments regarding an administrative draft of
Tentative Order No. R9-2012-0011, NPDES No. CAS01092662
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within
the San Diego Region**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2012
from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region
Regional Water Board Room
San Diego Water Board Office Building
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340**

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) will accept comments regarding the administrative draft of a Regional NPDES Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watersheds within the San Diego Region (Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit) (Tentative Order No. R9-2012-0011). A quorum of San Diego Water Board members may be present. The administrative draft of the Tentative Order will be available **on or before April 9th, 2012** and can be viewed at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/stormwater/index.shtml

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Water Board is considering the development and adoption of a Regional Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water NPDES Permit that will be issued to municipal Copermittees in San Diego County, Southern Orange County and Riverside County. Currently, each of these counties within the San Diego Region has its own MS4 Storm Water Permit. In order to better achieve regulatory consistency as well as maximum efficiency and economy of resources, the San Diego Water Board has initiated work to develop a single Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit based on the boundaries of the San Diego Region instead of county political boundaries. Under this approach, the permit being developed will uniformly regulate all three counties within the San Diego Region. The Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit will also provide opportunities for a comprehensive monitoring framework, incentive for a regional collaborative approach, and opportunities for regional cost efficiencies amongst the Copermittees. Upon adoption by the San Diego Water Board, this Regional MS4 Storm Water

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Permit will be issued to all 39 Copermitees in a phased manner according to the expiration dates of their current MS4 Storm Water permit.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The April 25, 2012, Workshop will be informal and conducted to facilitate discussion on the Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit concept. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. San Diego Water Board staff will summarize significant elements of the Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit and explain the process for stakeholder representatives to participate in a series of focused meetings with the San Diego Water Board. The tentative focused meeting schedule and associated Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit sections selected for discussion are:

May 16, 2012 – Water Quality Improvement Plans

May 23, 2012 – Monitoring and Assessment Requirements

June 6, 2012 – Jurisdictional Programs

June 13, 2012 – Reporting Requirements

Workshop participants may present comments and ask clarifying questions regarding the Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit. Written comments may also be submitted in advance to help frame discussion during the Workshop. The San Diego Water Board may respond to, but will not necessarily provide oral or written responses to, the comments received prior to or at the Workshop. The San Diego Water Board will, however, consider these comments in the development of a Tentative Order. The San Diego Water Board will issue a separate public hearing notice announcing the release of a Tentative Order for public review and comment, the deadline for submission of comments, and the date of the public hearing for the San Diego Water Board to consider the comments received, public testimony, and adoption of a Tentative Order. Once released, the Tentative Order will serve as the public comment draft permit for purposes of applicable public notice requirements under the Code of Federal Regulations (40 C.F.R. § 124.10) and Water Code section 13167.5, subdivision (b). Therefore, interested persons submitting comments in advance of the Workshop must resubmit any comments they wish the San Diego Water Board to respond to during the public comment period that will be established for the future Tentative Order.

To ensure a productive and efficient Workshop, and to ensure that all attending have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations from any interested persons may be **limited to three (3) minutes** or otherwise limited at the discretion of the San Diego Water staff conducting the Workshop. Participants with similar comments are requested to make joint presentations.

ELECTRONIC MAIL LIST SUBSCRIPTION

The San Diego Water Board has established an electronic mail list specifically for information and notices on the development of a Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit. The San Diego Water Board will use the email list to notify interested persons of upcoming important events and the availability of on-line documents. Persons interested in receiving future notices and information on this specific project can subscribe to one (1) of the electronic mail lists titled "Orange County MS4 Permit, " Riverside County MS4 Permit, or "San Diego MS4 Permit ", located on the San Diego Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg9_subscribe.shtml

Persons who wish to receive hard copy notices of future notices or meetings on the Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit in lieu of electronic notices should submit a request to Mr. Wayne Chiu, Water Resource Control Engineer, 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123.

Please bring this matter to the attention of any person known to you who may be affected by the administrative draft of the Regional MS4 Storm Water Permit.

INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP

If you have any questions or wish to receive a hard copy of the Tentative Order, please contact Wayne Chiu (858) 637-5558 or via e-mail at wchiu@waterboards.ca.gov.